

## Claim amendments

1. (currently amended) ~~A system for supporting a mini blind, including a rigid spline, for thorough cleaning~~ A mini blind cleaning system comprising:

a mini blind having a rigid spline;

a first and a second end support;

said first and said second end support each including a back portion and a lower portion extending at substantially right angles thereto; and

suction cup means affixed to said back portions for securing said first and said second end support to a smooth, flat surface with said lower portions in a horizontal attitude for supporting opposite ends of said spline spline.

2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said end supports include side portions for restricting longitudinal horizontal movement of said spline spline.

3. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said end supports include front portions for restricting transverse horizontal movement of said spline spline.

4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said suction cup means comprises a pair of suction cups.

5. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, further including:  
an intermediate support for said spline spline, said intermediate support including a back portion and a lower portion extending at substantially right angles thereto; and  
suction cup means affixed to said back portion of said intermediate portion.

6. (original) The system of claim 5, further including horizontal alignment indicia in each of said end portions and said intermediate portion.

7. (currently amended) ~~A system for supporting a mini blind, including a rigid spline, for thorough cleaning~~ A mini blind cleaning system comprising:

a mini blind having a rigid spine;

a first and a second end support;

said first and said second end support each including a back portion, a lower portion extending at substantially right angles thereto and a side portion for restricting longitudinal horizontal movement of said spine ~~spline~~; and

a pair of suction cups affixed to each of said back portions for securing said end supports to a smooth, flat surface with said lower portions in a horizontal attitude for supporting opposite ends of said spine ~~spline~~.

8. (currently amended) The system of claim 7, further including:

an intermediate support for said spine ~~spline~~, said intermediate support including a back portion and a lower portion extending at substantially right angles thereto; and

a pair of suction cups affixed to said back portion of said intermediate portion.

9. (original) The system of claim 8, further including horizontal alignment indicia in each of said end portions and said intermediate portion.